



**TOWN'S BEST FRIEND**— Eddy, the well-known Jack Russell Terrier who survived a raccoon attack in 1998, died last week at the age of 17. He was frequently spotted around town, riding in owner Jess Tucker's Jeep.

## Dog About Town Will Be Missed By Many

Eddy the Jack Russell Terrier, who became famous in town in 1998 when he was almost drowned during a fight with a raccoon, died last week. He was 17, which some would say is 119 in dog years.

Eddy was diagnosed with lymphoma several weeks ago, said owner Jess Tucker.

"He was playful right up to a few days before he died. The end came quick, but we were prepared," Tucker said.

Eddy went everywhere with Tucker in his Jeep Wrangler, and was especially popular at the bagel shop inside the Exxon station at Hall's Corner.

"He had free rein. He would go behind the counter, and everyone on line would pet him," Tucker said. The workers are planning to put up a plaque in Eddy's honor.

"Everyone knew Eddy. Just yesterday I was at the Snug Harbor post office and a woman asked me if I was Eddy's owner. It happens all the time," Tucker said.

Many first came to know Eddy from his ordeal with the raccoon, which happened in July of 1998. Eddy was being walked by Heidi Tucker, when he encountered a raccoon on Powder Point Ave. During the fight, the raccoon fell off a stone wall into the water, and then dragged Eddy in with him.

The raccoon kept attacking Eddy, pulling him under the water by his neck. Heidi Tucker waded in after Eddy, and found him under water in some seaweed.

She and a passerby performed CPR on the dog until he eventually spat up water and began breathing again.

Jess Tucker got Eddy as a newborn puppy. The dog was born on a horse farm in Martha's Vineyard, and spent his entire life on the waterfront, either in Cape Cod or in Duxbury.

He was cared for, both after the raccoon attack and during his recent illness, by Dr. Bruce Berridge from the Duxbury Animal Hospital. Tucker presented the veterinarian with a framed photo of Eddy, including a poem Tucker wrote about his dog, in appreciation for the great care the hospital provided to Eddy.

"The doctor broke down when Eddy died. Everyone loved him. Everyone is going to miss him," Tucker said.